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Dear Friend:

What do you do with 500,000 tons of e-waste? That's a question California faces every year, and since February 9, 2006 it has become illegal to just toss that waste into the trash.

E-waste includes used batteries, old cell phones, TVs, computers and other electronic items that contain toxic metals like lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium that can leak into landfills, contaminating the soil and groundwater.

Many of these items, however, can be reused, refurbished or recycled. Assembly Bill 546 introduced this year will require retailers of covered electronic devices, such as CPU towers, to make recycling information available to their customers. It will also require a solid waste facility that is operated by a city, county, or district to accept covered electronic waste.

Every community is required to provide household hazardous waste (HHW) collection opportunities. Enclosed is a helpful listing of phone numbers and websites to help locate convenient locations to properly dispose of or recycle electronic and hazardous household waste.

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For disposal or recycling of household hazardous and electronic waste:

Not in the Trash!

The following items cannot be put out in the regular trash and must be taken to your local hazardous waste collections center or participating local retailer.

Lights, Batteries, and Electronics

- Fluorescent lamps and tubes, metal halide lamps, and sodium vapor lamps.
- Batteries, all types
- Computer and television monitors, including cathode ray tube (CRT), LCD and plasma monitors
- Electronic devices. Includes computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios, and microwave ovens

Mercury-Containing Items

- Electrical switches and relays
- Thermostats that contain mercury
- Pilot light sensors
- Mercury gauges (some blood pressure gauges contain mercury)
- Mercury thermometers
- Mercury-added novelties. Examples: greeting cards that play music when opened; athletic shoes (made before 1997) with flashing lights in soles

Household and Landscape Chemicals

- Flammables and poisons. Includes solvent-based (oil) paints and reactive and explosive materials.
- Acids, oxidizers, and bases. Includes some pool chemicals and cleaners.
- Pesticides and herbicides. Many pesticides and herbicides cannot be disposed of in the trash. Consult the product label.

Paints and Solvents

- Latex paint.
- Oil-based paint (also listed under flammables).
- Non-empty aerosol paint or solvent cans
- Solvents. Includes materials such as paint thinners and nail polish remover

Building Materials

- Asbestos. Includes some older kinds of cement, roofing, flooring and siding.
- Treated Wood. Includes wood that is treated with chromium copper arsenate

Automobile-Related

- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Motor oil and filters
- Tires

Other

- Compressed gas cylinders. Includes propane tanks used for BBQ or plumbing.
- Needles and sharps generated in home health care
- PCB-containing materials
- Photo waste (silver bearing).

VISIT WWW.ZEROWASTE.CA.GOV OR
CALL (800) 253-2687 FOR A COMPLETE LIST
OF ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE THROWN IN THE
TRASH.

Local collection sites and mobile collection
events are ongoing and can change guidelines
and rules.

**PLEASE CALL AHEAD OF TIME
TO ENSURE THAT THE SPECIFIC
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED FOR DISPOSAL
OR RECYCLING.**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

(888) CLEAN LA or (562) 699-7411
www.lacsd.org/info/hhw_e_waste
Information on Hazardous Waste Collections
events in Los Angeles County.

VENTURA COUNTY

County of Ventura Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Programs

(805) 658-4323
www.wasteless.org/5hazwast.html

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

(800) 728-6942
www.dtsc.ca.gov
Information on hazardous waste regulations
and oversight of cleanups. Develops and
promotes pollution prevention programs.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

(916) 341-6000
www.zerowaste.ca.gov
Links to information on recycling hazardous
waste.

Earth 911

(877) EARTH-911
www.earth911.org
Information on Hazardous Waste Collections
events.

FEDERAL

United States Environmental Protection Agency

(800) 372-9473
www.epa.gov
Links to information on waste disposal and
recycling.

